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Further to Applicant's Duty of Disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention the material cited on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited documents are enclosed.

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The references cited in this Information Disclosure Statement were either listed in an International Search Report in the corresponding International Application or cited in the German Office Action from the original priority application, copies enclosed. Of the non-English language references cited in the German Office Action, FR 2 559 872 (reference 1), Figure 2 and column 7, lines 12-14, is cited as showing all

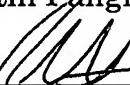
of the features of claim 1. FR 2 665 503, (reference 2), Figure 1, column 4, lines 19-29; DE 87 03 945, (reference 3), Figure 1, element 8; and GB 2 266 757 (reference 4), Figure 1, page 6, line 36 - page 7, line 6, are all cited as novelty destroying of claim 1.

Claim 1 was also rejected as lacking an inventive step given the combination of DE 37 22 665 (reference 6) (corresponds to U.S. 4,862,913) and DE 196 10 778 (reference 5). Claim 2 was rejected in view of references 1 -4 in the Action. Claim 3 was rejected in view of reference 1, Figure 2, and reference 5, Figure 1. Claim 4 was rejected in view of reference 5, Figure 1; column 2, lines 41-45. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected in view of reference 1, Figure 2 or reference 5, column 1, lines 41-45. Claim 7 was rejected in view of references 1-5. Claim 8 was rejected in view of reference 2, Figure 1 or reference 3, Figure 1. Claim 9 was rejected in view of references 3-6. Claim 10 was rejected in view of reference 1-4 and 6.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider these documents and return an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating his consideration of the cited materials.

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	AA	4,862,913	09/1989	Dieter Wildfang				
	AB	2004/0238043	12/2004	Arnold et al.				
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